



ST. LOUIS REGION

MISSOURI CAREER GRADES

SEPTEMBER 2022

Food Preparation & Serving Related Occupations

Projected to have the most
annual total job openings

over 18,500

Food Preparation & Serving Related Occupations

Most grade A and B
annual openings

over 17,500

Management Occupations

Grade A and B Jobs Concentration

98%

Career Grades are a tool to help make comparisons between occupations. Each occupation is assigned a letter grade from A+ to F based on outlook over the next decade. **Grades are based on a combination of projected total job openings, projected percent growth, and average wages.** Occupations with a grade of A or A+ have above average results in at least two of the three variables, while occupations with a grade of B or B+ have above average results in at least one of the three variables.

The St. Louis region is projected to have more than 127,000 annual job openings through 2030. The vast majority (97%) of these openings are in A, B, and C grade occupations. In general, higher graded occupations earn more and have higher growth rates. Grade A occupations earn an average wage that is 51 percent higher than the average wage for all occupations, and are projected to grow twice as fast as the average growth rate.

Annual Job Openings and Wages by Career Grades

Grade A

25,250 Job Openings
\$83,841 Average Wage

Grade B

62,501 Job Openings
\$52,055 Average Wage

Grade C

35,433 Job Openings
\$42,322 Average Wage

Top Outlook Occupation Groups

Major Occupation Group	Total Openings	A & B Openings	A & B Concentration
Food Preparation & Serving Related	18,562	17,494	94%
Transportation & Material Moving	10,267	8,837	86%
Healthcare Support	8,273	7,735	93%
Business & Financial Operations	7,513	6,667	89%
Office & Administrative Support	16,610	6,344	38%
Management	5,928	5,787	98%
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	4,836	4,392	91%
Construction & Extraction	4,965	4,364	88%
Sales & Related	12,321	3,941	32%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	5,428	3,717	68%
Computer & Mathematical	3,948	3,705	94%
Education, Training, & Library	4,457	3,179	71%
Personal Care & Service	4,766	2,764	58%
Protective Service	2,734	2,332	85%
Installation, Maintenance, & Repair	3,844	1,911	50%

St. Louis Top Grade Jobs

Now Typically requires short-term on-the-job training, little to no experience, and/or a high school diploma

Grade	Title	Annual Openings	2020-2030 Growth Rate	Average Wages
B+	Fast Food & Counter Workers 🔥	5,344	15.6%	\$25,107
B+	Home Health & Personal Care Aides 🔥	5,085	20.4%	\$26,856
B+	Waiters & Waitresses 🔥	3,888	21.4%	\$24,801
B	Customer Service Representatives 🔥	2,982	1.1%	\$38,736
B	Stockers & Order Fillers	2,469	4.3%	\$32,002
B+	Laborers & Freight, Stock, & Material Movers, Hand 🔥	2,319	10.4%	\$36,784
B	Janitors & Cleaners, Except Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners 🔥	2,243	6.0%	\$30,738
B+	Security Guards 🔥	1,200	17.6%	\$36,130
B	Food Preparation Workers	1,147	12.7%	\$24,176
B	Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers	1,116	8.4%	\$32,971

Next Typically requires non-degree certificate, associate degree, apprenticeship, some experience, or moderate- to long-term training

Grade	Title	Annual Openings	2020-2030 Growth Rate	Average Wages
A	Cooks, Restaurant	2,388	51.7%	\$27,958
B+	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers 🔥	1,582	8.5%	\$52,480
B	Nursing Assistants 🔥	1,547	5.2%	\$27,153
B	Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks	1,214	-3.1%	\$44,226
A	First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation & Serving Workers	1,200	23.3%	\$36,708
B	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General 🔥	1,106	6.5%	\$47,236
A	Carpenters	996	7.8%	\$65,036
A	Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Manufacturing 🔥	994	7.6%	\$81,848
B	First-Line Supervisors of Office & Administrative Support Workers	945	-2.6%	\$65,468
B	Medical Secretaries	836	9.9%	\$38,591

Later Typically requires a bachelor's degree or higher

Grade	Title	Annual Openings	2020-2030 Growth Rate	Average Wages
A+	General & Operations Managers 🔥	2,269	10.0%	\$115,316
A	Registered Nurses 🔥	2,041	8.6%	\$68,561
A+	Software Developers & Quality Assurance Analysts & Testers 🔥	1,497	18.3%	\$100,718
A	Accountants & Auditors 🔥	1,241	6.5%	\$77,123
A	Project Mngmt. Specialists & Business Op. Specialists, All Other	958	4.7%	\$83,690
A+	Management Analysts 🔥	753	13.1%	\$92,817
B	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special & Career/Tech. Edu.	740	6.4%	\$52,173
A+	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	725	22.1%	\$72,247
B	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term	684	10.9%	\$37,338
B+	Human Resources Specialists 🔥	667	9.5%	\$64,334

🔥 Flame icon indicates occupations with high numbers of online job ad postings in 2021.

Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) program. Occupational projections developed by the Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC). Lightcast™. Job opening and growth rate data is based on sum of published employment.

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